



The FIRST TEST . . . Four members of the Torrance Police Car Club Assn. and Mayor Albert Isen work out the visual recognition test given all drivers at the Driver Safety Center of the California Trucking Assn. in Vernon. Scores on the tests were not revealed.



DEPTH PERCEPTION CHECK . . . Car Clubber "Dew" Lytton checks results of his depth perception test with Officer H. B. "Buck" Ingram after trying to line up the blocks in the case by looking through a mirror. This shows three blocks in fairly close alignment—much better than many drivers can do.

Car Clubbers Take Driving Tests, Pass

Four members of the Torrance Police Car Club Assn. were put through the testing routine devised by the California Trucking Assn. to test California truck drivers during a visit to the Driver Safety Center in Vernon last week. Making the trip were John Zamrzla, president of the association; Jerry Garver, vice president; Bernie Flocken, secretary; and "Dew" Lytton. Accompanying the four clubbers to witness the tests were Assistant Police Chief Percy Bennett, Mayor Albert Isen, and officer H. B. "Buck" Ingram. The young drivers were run "through the mill" at the testing center. Manager E. W. Krueger and Chief Examiner Wayne Gingery gave the quartet reaction time tests on a simulated driving machine, tested their vision, depth perception, and side vision.



REACTION TIME RECORDED . . . Jerry Gayer, vice president of the car club association, checks the results of his reaction test with Manager E. W. "Gene" Krueger at the Driver Safety Center.

Special Test Given
Highlight of the testing was probably on the specially made "reacto-depth-ometer" a machine which checks depth perception through the use of blocks which the driver must line up in front of him by looking in a mirror. This machine is one of two such machines in the United States, Krueger said. The reaction time testing showed the time needed to start the move in the case of an emergency and it showed the time needed to complete the move from accelerator to brake pedal after the emergency situation was flashed. All the clubbers taking the tests rated high, Krueger reported.

Defects Checked
The main purpose of the testing is not to tell a man if he is a good or bad driver—that is too large a field and would have to include attitudes and other factors, Krueger said. The tests are designed to point up physical deficiencies or limitations which might effect a man's driving ability—the tools of his trade.

The center is nearing the 45,000 mark in persons tested since it was opened four years ago. Visit to the center by members of the TPCCA was set up to give club leaders an idea of the importance of various driving and physical skills prior to their car rodeo to be held on the Douglas Aircraft parking lot on Western Ave. Sunday, July 24.

At that time, young drivers will complete in driving tests designed to check their skills in various problems such as parking, backing, and driving through various courses. Speed is not a factor—it's driving skill, Officer Ingram points out.



BASIC EYE TESTS . . . Mayor Albert Isen slips a new card in the Keystone telebinocular testing equipment for Bernie Flocken during part of an hour-long test at the Driver Safety Center last week.



CHECKING SIDE VISION . . . Assistant Police Chief Percy Bennett looks on as President John Zamrzla of the Torrance Police Car Club Assn. goes through the testing procedure to check his side vision. The tests were made last week at the Driver Safety Center in Vernon during a visit there by members of the club.

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